

PRESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEALTH AND SEX EDUCATION POLICY

Aim of Health and Sex Education Programme

Preston Primary School believes that Health and Sex Education in this school should be developmental and a foundation for further work in the Secondary School.

Health and Sex Education in this school will contribute to the requirement of the Education Reform Act 1988 that the School Curriculum should be one which:

- promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the School and of society
- prepares such pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

The school will work towards this aim in partnership with parents.

Moral and Values Framework

The Health and Sex Education Programme will reflect the School ethos and demonstrate the following values:

- respect for self
- respect for others
- responsibility for their own actions
- responsibility for their family, friends, school and wider community

Knowledge and Understanding

The Health and Sex Education programme will:

- provide information which is easy to understand and relevant and appropriate to the age and maturity of the pupils
- include the development of communication and social skills
- encourage the exploration and clarification of values and attitudes
- address concerns and correct misunderstandings children may have gained from the media and their peers
- ensure that children's questions are answered accurately

In the Foundation Stage the scheme of work is directed by the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. In Key Stages 1 and 2, the scheme of work is directed by the National Curriculum. The statutory elements that are required in relation to health and sex education fall within the programmes of study for science and the guidance for PSHE and Citizenship.

In Year 6 children learn about changes in puberty and menstruation. Parents are always informed when these lessons are going to take place.

Parents Right to Withdraw Pupils

Parents have the right to withdraw pupils from the Sex Education Programme and responsibility for the supervision of that pupil remains the duty of the School. It is hoped that parents considering withdrawing their child from any aspect of sex education will confer with the Class Teacher or the Head before doing so. Any request for withdrawal should be in writing.